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SUBJECT: PLACEMENT OF SAUDI MEDICAL GRADUATES IN U.S. TEACHING
HOSPITALS

1. IN LONG CONVERSTATION WITH BPAO/RIYADH DURING LETTER'S
RECENT VISIT TO KING FAISAL UNIVERSITY, DAMMAM, DEAN OF
MEDICIN DOCTOR MOHAMMED AL-TURKI TURKI FORCEFULLY URGED USG
EFFORT ASSIST HIM LOCAT PLACES IN U.S. TEACHING HOSPITALS FOR
SAUDI MEDICAL GRADUATES SEEKING POST-GRADUATE TRAINING
INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY WORK. THESE SAUDI DOCTORS URGENTLY
NEEDED IN KINGDOM AS MEDICAL SCHOOL FACULTY.

2. DR. TURKI STATED THAT OF TWELVE MEDICAL GRADUATES CURRENTLY
IN U.S. SEEKING PLACEMENT, ONLY 3 HAVE BEEN PLACED. THIS
DESPITE EFFORTS OF UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL
HEALTH WORKING ON PLACEMENT ON BEHALF KFU. SAUDI MEDICAL
GRADUATES HAVE, ACCORDING TO DR. TURKI, ALL PASSED
ECFMG. TO FACILITATE PLACEMENT, DR. TURKI SAYS KFU
HAS FUNDS AVAILABLE AND PREPARED OFFER \$5,000.- GRANT
TO ANY TEACHING HOSPITAL WHICH ACCEPTS ONE OF HIS
APPLICANTS IN POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL PROGRAM, IN ADDITION
PAYING ALL STUDENT EXPENSES.

3. POST HAS INFORMED DR. TURKI THAT U.S. MEDICAL SCHOOLS
AND POST-GRADUATE TEACHING HOSPITALS FULL, AND HAVING
DIFFICULTY PLACING AMERICAN MEDICAL GRADUATES. DR. TURKI
NEVERTHELESS BELIEVES USG INTERCESSION ON BEHALF HIS
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STUDENTS COULD HELP OVERCOME HIS FRUSTRATION.

4. POST WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT PROSPECTS
MIGHT BE FOR PLACING SAUDI MEDICAL STUDENTS PER REQUEST
OF DR. AL-TURKI. IS THERE A LIKELIHOOD THAT SUCH STUDENTS
MIGHT BE PLACED IN MILITARY OR VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
HOSPITALS?
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